**FORM PTO-1083** 

Attorney Docket No.: 101.0084-01000

Customer No. 22882

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Gary K. Michelson Serial No: 09/921,844

Filed: August 3, 2001

For: SPINAL IMPLANT SURFACE

CONFIGURATION

Confirmation No.: 8295 RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER

Art Unit: 3738

DEC 1 5 2010

Examiner: Bruce Edward Snow

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Notice of Appeal in reply to the Office Action of November:	30.	2010
in the above-identified application.	,	

No additional fee is required.

Applicant hereby requests a \*\*\*-month extension of time to respond to the above office action.

A Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review and Form PTO/SB/33 are enclosed.

An Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(\*\*\*) with Form PTO/SB/08 is enclosed.

The total amount of \$540.00 to cover the fee for a Notice of Appeal is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-3726.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies of fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3726.

A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims

Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17

Respectfully submitted,

MARTIN & FERRARO, LLP

01 FC:1401 540.00 DA

12/16/2010 HMARZI1 00000033 503726

Date: December 15, 2010

1557 Lake O'Pines Street, NE

Hartville, Ohio 44632

Telephone: (330) 877-0700 Facsimile: (330) 877-2030

By: Amedeo F. Eerraro

Registration No. 37,129

09921844